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ORAL QUESTION (O-31/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
tabled by Mr VON WOGAU, Mr VON BISMARCK, Mr SCHÖN,
Mr HERMANN and Mr FRIEDRICH
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Bottlenecks in deliveries of steel products
owing to restrictive quota arrangements

1. Is the Commission aware that the restrictive quota arrangements for steel products have recently caused bottlenecks in deliveries in the Federal Republic of Germany, resulting in severe problems for firms in the steel processing sector?
2. Does the Commission share the view that, given the continuing excess capacity in the steel industry, there can be no point in restricting the quantity of steel produced if this creates artificial shortages in supplies to steel processing firms; such shortages have already prevented firms from meeting the deadlines for deliveries to their customers, with the result that orders are being withdrawn, short-time working is having to be introduced and jobs in the processing industry are being put at risk?

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3. Does the Commission also share the view that these negative repercussions on the processing industry demonstrate the need for flexible quota arrangements that will prevent supplies of primary materials to steel users being disrupted for purely administrative reasons in the future, and what steps does the Commission plan to take in this direction?